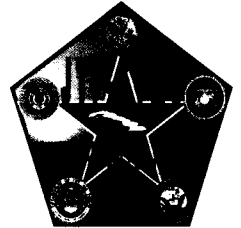




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15 May 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue, Miami, FL 33172.

SUBJECT: Update Recommendation to Transfer to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN: USJO-000905DP (S)

JTF GTMO Detainee Assessment

1. (FOUO) Personal Information:

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Abdul Latif Elbanna
- Aliases and Current/True Name: Abu Anas, Abu Abdul Rachman, Mohammed Al-Qurayshi, Abdul Latif, and Abu Enes
- Place of Birth: Jericho, Palestine (WE)
- Date of Birth: 28 May 1962
- Citizenship: Jordan (JO)
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9JO-000905DP



2. (FOUO) Health: Detainee is in moderate health. He has been diagnosed with chronic hepatitis B. At the present he is taking no medications, has no allergies, and has no psychiatric conditions. Detainee has no travel restrictions.

3. (S//NF) JTF GTMO Assessment:

a. (S) Recommendation: JTF GTMO recommends this detainee be Transferred to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD).

b. (S) Summary: JTF GTMO previously assessed detainee as Retain in DoD (DoD) on 17 January 2004. Based upon information obtained since detainee's previous assessment, it is now recommended he be Transferred to the Control of Another Country for Continued Detention (TRCD) if strong assurances can be obtained that he will remain in continued custody. If not, he should be retained in DoD control.

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For this update recommendation, detainee is assessed to be associated with a member of the Al-Qaida Associated Movement (AQAM) due to his close affiliation with prominent Al-Qaida spiritual leader, recruiter, and financier Abu Qatada. Detainee has been affiliated with the International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO), a Tier 1 Terrorist Non Government Organization (NGO). He has collected funds possibly intended to support terrorist activities, and was possibly involved with a front company and shipping line used to support terrorist activities. It is assessed this detainee is a MEDIUM risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

4. (S//NF) Detainee Background Summary: Unless otherwise noted, the following paragraphs are based solely on the detainee's statements.

a. (S//NF) Prior History: Detainee was born in Jericho, WE. Shortly after his birth, his family moved to a refugee camp in Amman, JO. Detainee dropped out of school at the age of 10, joined a gang and was arrested numerous times for criminal activities. At the age of 16, detainee went to work in a furniture store owned by Abdul Rahim in the Wihdat district of Amman, Jordan. At the age of 18, detainee was drafted into the Jordanian military. He was discharged at the age of 20 and continued with his criminal activity through 1985/86. Detainee tried making a living at a furniture store in 1984 (which closed down in 1986), a carpentry store in 1987, and a medical supply company in 1988. Detainee made a few trips to Saudi Arabia to visit the site of the Hajj; however, he did not go during Hajj season.

b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee's stated reasons for traveling to Afghanistan and being hired by an NGO vary. In the most consistent version, Doctor Samih Zidan encouraged detainee, in 1990, to travel from Jordan to Afghanistan (AF) in order to find work or to fight jihad against the Soviets. Detainee flew to Karachi, Pakistan (PK), and then traveled to Peshawar and Parwan, where he applied for a position with an Islamic Relief Organization called the Haiat Ali Ghatha Al Islami Al Alamia (IIRO). He stayed at a guesthouse, which was run by Abdul Al Azzam and owned by an unidentified charity organization in the Hayat Abad district of Peshawar, PK. (Analyst Note: It is assessed that Abdul Al Azzam is actually referring to Abdullah Azzam, friend and mentor of Usama Bin Laden (UBL) who was assassinated on 24 November 1989. Abdullah Azzam founded the Maktab Al Khidimat Il-Mujahideen Al Arab (MAK), an Arab Mujahideen group in which UBL served as Azzam's deputy.) Fighters from Afghanistan stayed at the guesthouse. There were no positions available in Pakistan, but detainee was able to obtain a place with the IIRO in Afghanistan. Detainee admits that he traveled to a charity office in Kabisha, AF, called the "Service Office" during the course of his duties.

c. (S//NF) Training and Activities: Detainee's activities (such as when he married and when he met with Abu Qatada) vary and are very lengthy. To summarize, detainee worked

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for the IIRO in Afghanistan, with four individuals. When hired in Afghanistan, he was provided with an identification card, which he could use at guesthouses to stay for free. Detainee returned to Jordan in 1991 after he worked for IIRO for one year. He married and brought his spouse back to Pakistan to live while he resumed work in Jalalabad, AF. Detainee and Abu Adel managed to acquire illegal passports and get a flight to London, England United Kingdom (UK), via Dubai. When he arrived in London on 24 February 1994, Abu Qatada picked detainee up at the airport. While in London, detainee claimed refugee status and was provided with government assistance. Detainee then began collecting funds for Abu Qatada from local mosques. While detainee was working with Abu Qatada, he became acquainted with an individual named Shaibub through Abu Qatada. Subsequently, one day while shopping with Shaibub, they were arrested and convicted of credit card fraud. Detainee served a nine-month prison term in 1995 or 1996. After detainee's release from prison, he claims that he informed Abu Qatada that he would not collect donations for him any longer because he did not want to get into trouble again. In 1999, detainee created a charity called "The Human Aid Trust". The Human Aid Trust received a temporary certificate to operate a charity from the British government and detainee began collecting funds for this organization. Detainee had a side job where he purchased, repaired, and sold used cars. Detainee was approached by an individual named Wahab Amin Khalil Al-Rawi (Analyst Note: Brother of Bisher Amin Khalil Al-Rawi US9IZ-000906DP (ISN 906)) to contribute to the creation of a "peanut business" based in Africa for which the detainee was intended to be the operations manager. Detainee accepted this offer and provided a contribution for the business.

d. (S//NF) Capture Information: Gambian authorities arrested detainee and four others, ISN 906, ISN 906's brother Wahab, Abdullah Ghazi El Janoudi, and Omar Omari, at the airport in Banjul, Gambia on 8 November 2002. ISN 906 and detainee came under suspicion at the Gatwick airport, UK, because of the items they had in their luggage. (Analyst Note: Initially the items appeared to be home-made timing devices. Once tested all items were cleared.) Detainee and ISN 906 were detained but allowed to complete their journey to Banjul the Gambia, Africa, a few days later. In the Banjul airport, ISN 906's brother, Abdullah Ghazi El Janoudi, and Omar Omari met up with detainee and ISN 906. A short time later at the airport, they were all detained and interviewed (by CIA and Banjul authorities). As a result of the interview, detainee, ISN 906, and El Janoudi were arrested. Detainee and ISN 906 were transferred to US Custody at Bagram Airbase in January 2003. The whereabouts of El Janoudi are unknown. (Analyst Note: British authorities assessed the group to be associated with the prominent Al-Qaida spiritual leader, recruiter, and financier Abu Qatada aka Sheikh Omar Abu Omar aka Omar Mohammed Othman. Specifically, detainee was assessed to be a financier and "right-hand man" to Abu Qatada. Abu Qatada was arrested on 24 October 2002 and released with certain conditions (no in-home internet access and curfew between 7pm and 7am) on 11 March 2005.

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e. (S) Transferred to JTF GTMO: 6 February 2003

f. (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer to JTF GTMO: To provide information on the following:

- Bios on key personnel
 - Abu Qatada
 - Abu Hafs
 - Abu Asis
 - Abu Omar
 - Abu Adel
 - Abu Hamza
 - Abu Ahmed
- Terrorism related facilities used for housing, training, storage of equipment, safe/guest houses and/or Mosques
 - Baker Street Mosque
 - Finsbury Mosque
 - Rented halls used for speeches and prayer in London
- Intentions, capabilities, finances, and activities of international terrorist elements and international humanitarian organizations to include the International Islamic Relief Organization and Human Aid Trust

5. (S//NF) Detainee Threat:

a. (S) Assessment: It is assessed the detainee poses a MEDIUM risk, as he may pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention:

- (S//NF) Spanish judicial authorities have charged detainee with participation in a terrorist organization and have requested that this detainee be transferred to their control.
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to be associated with the Al-Qaida Associated Movement (AQAM).
 - (S//NF) Detainee and group were captured due to their suspected close links to Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) Al-Qaida network.
 - (S//NF) During a search of the detainee's and ISN 906's residences, a significant amount of literature regarding weapons, instructions for making explosives, and a book detailing how one could hide his/her identity and "disappear" were found. (Analyst Note: ISN 906 has been assessed as a member of the Al-Qaida's global terrorist network.)

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- (S//NF) ISN 906's brother, Wahab Amin Khalil Al-Rawi, who was arrested with detainee in Gambia at the airport and released back to England, recruited the detainee and others to participate in a "peanut business" in Gambia about September 2002. Detainee has provided very little information on this group of contributors/investors, who made up the "peanut business."
- (S//NF) Detainee was reportedly involved in an attempt to purchase a cargo ship in Holland for the "peanut business." Reporting states that Abu Qatada attempted and was partially successful in creating a shipping line to transport men and material to Europe for terrorist activities. (Analyst Note: There is a possibility that this ship was to be used for terrorist activities in support of Abu Qatada.)
- (S//NF) Detainee possesses a relationship with Al-Qaida spiritual leader, recruiter, and financier Abu Qatada.
 - (S//NF) Detainee has admitted to collecting money for Abu Qatada and has even been reported as his "right-hand man". (Analyst Note: As soon as Abu Qatada had arrived in London and had applied for asylum, he started supporting jihad by recruiting for Al-Qaida. Abu Qatada was considered a major figure for Al-Qaida and additionally supported an Algerian terrorist group called the Salafist Group for Call and Combat (GSPC). Abu Qatada issued a fatwa for the GSPC called, "Killing of Children" with Sheikh Abu Musab Al Suri. The fatwa allowed mujahideen to kill children since there is no other way to hurt the enemy.)
- (S//NF) Detainee is associated with members of the Al Takfir Wal Hijra terrorist group. (Analyst Note: The Al Takfir Wal Hijra is a Tier 3 Terrorist Target, which is defined as groups that maintain a capability to carry out terrorist operations against US interests but have not yet demonstrated the intention to do so. The Al-Takfir Wal Hijra is a transnational movement of several loosely networked Islamist sects and Tier 3 Terrorist Targets. "Takfir" is the generic name given to a movement of ultra hardcore Islamist groups within the worldwide terrorist network; adherents are called Takfiris or Takfirists.)
 - (S//NF) Detainee asked Spain-based Islamic extremist Imad Eddin Barakat Yarkas aka Abu Dahdah to give money and economic support to Imam Jamal Issa Mohamed Shatat (aka Huzaifa aka Abu Hammam aka Abu Ali), the Imam of the Al Rahmeh mosque in Alicante, Spain (SP). Shatat and Yarkas are both affiliated with the Al Takfir Wal Hijra extremist group. Shatat has been linked to Al-Qaida cleric Abu Qatada. (Analyst Note: Yarkas was under arrest as of April 2004 in Spain and has been linked to the extremist group known as the Al Takfir Wal Hijra.)
 - (S//NF) Abu Qatada is one of the most extreme Takfiri among the jihadist movement. He published a monthly magazine called, "Al-Anjar" that was recruiting people for jihad.
- (S//NF) Detainee admittedly worked with an islamic relief organization called the Haiat Ali Ghatha Al Islami Al Alamia (IIRO), a Tier 1 Terrorist NGO. (Analyst Note: A

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Tier 1 Terrorist NGO is defined as having demonstrated sustained and active support for terrorist organizations willing to attack US persons or interests.)

- (S//NF) Detainee is an admitted criminal with a long arrest history in Jordan. His offenses include robbery, armed robbery, assault, gambling, and rape.
- (S//NF) Detainee's veracity is in question.
- (S//NF) The detainee has immediate family members residing in the US.

c. (S) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is a MODERATE-LOW threat from a detention perspective. Detainee's overall behavior has been compliant. Detainee's Report of Disciplinary Infractions shows he was only disciplined once in Aug 03, detainee is relatively passive in his actions, and has caused little problems for the guard force or the staff.

6. (S//NF) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

a. (S//NF) Assessment: JTF GTMO determined this detainee is of MEDIUM intelligence value.

- Detainee can provide banking information and European associates of Abu Qatada. Due to detainee's affiliation to Abu Qatada, it is probable that detainee can provide information regarding the European support network for Al-Qaida and the Al Takfir Wal Hijra organizations as well as information on the suspicious "peanut business" and cargo ship endeavors, which were possibly a front for concealing terrorist support activities.

b. (S) Areas of Potential Exploitation:

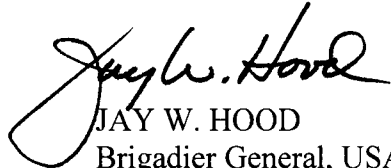
- Al-Qaida, Al Takfir Wal Hijra, and Islamic extremist support network
 - Personalities
 - Abu Qatada
 - Businesses and front companies funding extremist networks
 - Islamic Extremist sympathizers
- Charities and NGO's that support extremist networks
 - Haiat Ali Ghatha Al Islami Al Alamia (IIRO)
 - Associated NGO Rabitat Alalam Al Islami
- Planned "Peanut Business" and cargo ship
 - Possible front company used to support extremist networks
 - Abu Qatada involvement
 - Individuals involved
 - Associated companies
 - Holland based ship producer
 - Statistical information on the ship

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- Abu Qatada
 - Attempts in creating a shipping line to transport men and materials in support of terrorist activities
 - Associates
 - Affiliated organizations
 - Support operations
- Process to obtain forged passports
- Bank accounts detainee possessed and the purpose for each
 - "Human Aid Trust"
 - Collection for mosque funds
- London based mosques possibly affiliated with funding extremist organizations
 - Baker Street Mosque
 - Regents Park Mosque
 - Social Information Institution
 - Wombly Mosque
 - Hendon Mosque
 - Finsbury Park Mosque
- US relations

7. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 2 October 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.


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